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Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested. The indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, and 19-27 have been amended above. No new matter is being added by these amendments.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 14 have been amended to remove the non-elected subject matter as described on page 5 of the Office Action. Claims 11-13 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. It is respectfully requested that these claims be reinstated upon allowance of a generic linking claim.

Claim 8 was objected to as being in improper multiple dependent form. This objection is not understood as claim 8 depends from claim 7 and is not a multiple dependent claim. Therefore, withdrawal or clarification of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-28 were rejected under Section 112, first paragraph. Claims 19-27 have been amended to remove the method of preventing. Claims 16-18 are directed to methods of modulation of chemokine receptor activity, MCP-1, MCP-2, MCP-3 and MCP-4, and MCP-5 activity. These are correlated to the MCP-1 assay described in the specification. Therefore, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 was rejected under Section 112, second paragraph. Claim 8 has been amended to correct typographical errors appearing therein in both R⁵ and R^{5e}. Therefore, withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-7, 15, 19-23 and 27 were rejected under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruminski et al. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Therefore, withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

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New claims 29-35 are being submitted for the Examiners consideration. Support for the new claims can be found in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is being added by these claims.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and notification thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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